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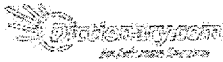
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nar-ra-tive [nar-uh-tiv]

-noun

1. a story or account of events, experiences, or the like, whether true or fictitious.
2. a book, literary work, etc., containing such a story.
3. the art, technique, or process of narrating: *Somerset Maugham was a master of narrative.*

-adjective

4. consisting of or being a narrative: *a narrative poem.*
5. of or pertaining to narration: *narrative skill.*
6. *Fine Arts.* representing stories or events pictorially or sculpturally: *narrative painting.* Compare *ANECDOTAL* (def. 2).

Origin:

1555-65; < L *narrātīvus* suitable for narration. See *NARRATE*, *-IVE*

Related forms:

nar-ra-tive-ly, *adverb*

Synonyms:

1. chronicle, tale. *NARRATIVE*, *ACCOUNT*, *RECITAL*, *HISTORY* are terms for a story of an event or events. *NARRATIVE* is the general term (for a story long or short; of past, present, or future; factual or imagined; told for any purpose; and with or without much detail). The other three terms apply primarily to factual stories of time already past. An *ACCOUNT* is usually told informally, often for entertainment, with emphasis on details of action, whether about an incident or a series of happenings. A *RECITAL* is an extended narrative usually with an informative purpose, emphasizing accuracy and exhaustive details of facts and figures. A *HISTORY*, usually written and at some length, is characterized by a tracing of causes and effects, and by an attempt to estimate, evaluate, and interpret facts.

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nar'ra-tive-ly *adv.*

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narrative (adj.)

c.1450, from M.Fr. *narratif*, from L.L. *narrativus* "suited to narration," 1561, from the adjective. Narrator first attested 1611; in sense of "a

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